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SUBJECT: TIP: CYPRUS WORKING ON USG'S RECOMMENDED MEASURES;
NEW LAW SIGNED

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11. (U) Poloffs July 24 delivered reftel non-paper to Interior Ministry Permanent Secretary Lazaros Savvides and MFA Multilateral Affairs Attache Doros Venezis. Savvides (the GOC's interagency anti-TIP coordinator) told Poloffs that the GOC has started work already on the five recommended measures and that one of the five has been implemented with President Tassos Papadopoulos's July 13 signing of a new, comprehensive anti-trafficking law. Savvides was upbeat about the possibility that most of the five recommendations may be implemented in the next eight months.

12. (U) In the near future, Ambassador will underline USG's TIP-related suggestions with the newly-appointed Interior Minister.

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